GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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RETAIL OUTLETS BY MANGALORE REFINERY
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Corporation Ltd. has decided to set up retail outlets for sale of petroleum products ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the number of such retails outlets proposes to be set up during the current year alongwith locations thereof ;

(d) whether the company has signed any agreement with Ashok-Leyland-Project-Services in this regards ; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS & PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (c) : Government have granted authorization in February, 2004 to Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Limited (MRPL) for setting up 500 Retail Outlets (ROs) in various parts of the country for marketing transportation fuels. However, no time limit has been given for setting up these ROs and hence specific targets have not been fixed for the ROs to be set up during the current year.

(d) & (e) : MRPL have signed an Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Ashok-Leyland-Project-Services on 28 March 2005 for jointly promoting marketing infrastructure, including the development of ROs on a selective basis.